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MAN SENTENCED FOR MURDER & ARSON

A man convicted by a jury last month for the murder of a 29-year-old man whose body was found in a burning building, in his apartment above a bagel shop, and for the subsequent arson of that building, in May 2016, was sentenced today in Denver District Court.

Brian Pattison (dob: 11-25-1985) was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the *murder in the first degree* (F1) conviction, and another 24 years in prison for the *arson in the first degree* (F3) conviction, the sentences to run consecutively.

Pattison shot and killed 29-year-old Shane Richardson sometime between April 30 and May 2, 2016, then set fire to Richardson's home in the 700 block of East 26th Avenue above a bagel and deli shop, which was also damaged. The victim's body was discovered after Denver firefighters extinguished the fire. Pattison, a tattooist from Colorado Springs ostensibly went to Mr. Richardson's apartment for a "tattoo party," to finish a tattoo he had started for the victim.